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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, February 28, 2011, at 2 p.m.

House of Representatives

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2011

The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:

Lord God, Creator of storm winds and innocent children. In You and through You all is held together. Lead us with Your penetrating wisdom.

May this Congress in all its deliberations be rid of absolute icons and move together to propose a common response to the overall security of Your people.

Integrate the information of this age with the practical and ethical standards that have guided Your people always through the mysteries of nature and the multiple legitimate needs of the most vulnerable in our midst.

Enlighten the Nation with Your word and Your grace both now and forever.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. PRICE) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. PRICE of Georgia led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to five requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

GRUESOME ANNIVERSARY OF FAILED STIMULUS

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, yesterday marked the gruesome second anniversary of the administration's misnamed stimulus plan. When this irresponsible plan of massive spending was introduced, liberals promised unemployment would not exceed 8 percent. At that time, House Republicans, led by JOHN BOEHNER, explained that our Nation cannot borrow and spend our way to prosperity, and the failure of this stimulus plan is a sad reminder of this.

Now, 2 years later, taxpayers have more than \$817 billion added to the national debt. Unemployment is still above 9 percent and has been above 9 percent for 21 straight months. That means 14 million Americans are without jobs. Our debt is over \$14 trillion.

I have introduced legislation for an audit of the stimulus to show the American people where their tax dollars were spent. Where is the money? Where are the jobs?

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

REGARDING THE REPUBLICAN CONTINUING RESOLUTION

(Mr. DEUTCH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, this week my Republican colleagues offered us a glimpse into their vision for America. It is a country where millions of women are turned away from basic health care, where the wealthy can buy access to our courts, and the poor are denied justice, where we abandon our obligation to pass on a cleaner, safer world to the next generation, where the voices of a thousand workers' cries for better treatment fall on a few pairs of deaf ears, where we deny children the arts education that has helped inspire the greatest culture on Earth.

This is not the America envisioned by the constituents I serve, among them thousands of America's Greatest Generation who fought during World War II and built an extraordinary Nation after the Great Depression. This continuing resolution is, quite simply, a disgrace to their vision and to their sacrifice. We can do better. We must do better.

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